



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 11, 1999

H.R. 820 **Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on March 11, 1999*

SUMMARY

H.R. 820 would authorize appropriations totaling \$7.9 billion for discretionary programs of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. For 2000, the bill would authorize about \$3.8 billion, including about \$3.1 billion for operating expenses, \$691 million for acquisition and other capital projects, \$22 million for research activities, \$11 million for bridge alterations, and \$19.5 million for environmental compliance. For 2001, the bill would authorize \$4.1 billion, including \$3.2 billion for operations, \$792 million for capital projects, \$23 million for research, \$11 million for bridge alterations and \$21 million for environmental compliance. Of the amounts authorized for each year, \$48.5 million would be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF). H.R. 820 also would authorize the appropriation of \$730 million and \$785 million for retirement benefits in 2000 and 2001, respectively.

H.R. 820 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assuming appropriation of the entire amounts authorized for discretionary programs, fiscal year 2000 funding would be \$305 million (or 9 percent) more than the 1999 appropriation. Funding for 2001 would grow by an additional 6 percent. The estimated budgetary effects of the legislation are summarized in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 300 (natural resources and environment) and 400 (transportation).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	1999	2001	2000	2002	2003	2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
USCG Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	3,540	29	29	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3,276	911	376	180	57	20
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	3,816	4,047	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	2,609	3,405	1,003	449	205
USCG Spending Under H.R. 820						
Authorization Level ^a	3,540	3,845	4,076	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3,276	3,520	3,781	1,183	506	225

a. The 1999 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

Amounts provided in the bill for Coast Guard retirement have not been included in the above table because such pay is an entitlement under current law, requiring no annual authorization of appropriations.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 820 will be enacted during fiscal year 1999, and that the full amounts authorized for USCG programs will be appropriated for each fiscal year.

The additional authorizations for 2000 and 2001 are the amounts stated in the bill for discretionary accounts, excluding \$28.5 million of the \$48.5 million to be derived from the OSLTF. (These amounts, which consist of \$25 million for Coast Guard operations and \$3.5 million for research, have been excluded because such funding is already authorized under existing law.) Outlays are estimated on the basis of historical spending patterns for Coast Guard programs.

Other provisions of H.R. 820 are not expected to have any significant impact on the federal budget.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 820 contains no intergovernmental private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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